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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

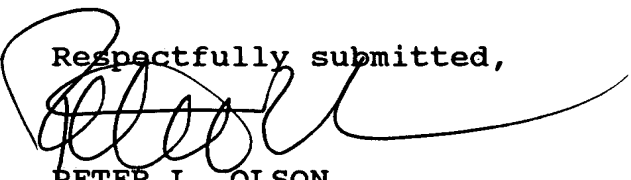
The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications: 09/058,547, filed April 10, 1998; 09/058,585, filed April 10, 1998; 09/093,120, filed June 8, 1998; 09/134,687, filed August 14, 1998; 09/134,688, filed August 14, 1998; 09/368,817, filed August 5, 1999 and 09/368,745, filed August 5, 1999 and 09/134,686, filed August 14, 1998; 09/344,758, filed June 25, 1999 and 09/368,826, filed August 5, 1999 (the parent and continuation-in-part applications to this application).

United States Patent Nos. 3,747,086; 3,790,945; 4,442,507; 4,578,654; 4,598,276; 4,745,401; 4,796,074; 5,083,112; 5,095,362; 5,260,690; 5,296,722; 5,331,313; 5,347,280; 5,378,880; 5,407,851; 5,517,195; 5,521,601; 5,528,222; 5,541,604; 5,550,547; 5,565,846; 5,625,341; and 5,682,143 and European Patent Nos. 0 494 114 A2; 0 585 132 A1; 0 598,624 A1 and 0 615 285 A2; and PCT Publication Nos. WO 97/36270 and WO 99/05660 are referenced in the present application. The remaining documents are generally relevant to the state of the art.

Due to the large volume of references contained in the related parent applications, copies of PTO-1449 forms showing those references are enclosed for the Examiner, but copies of these references can be found in U.S. Serial Nos. 09/368,826, 09/344,758 and 09/134,686. If the Examiner wishes the Applicants to provide actual copies of the references, the Examiner may so indicate and the Applicants will promptly comply.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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